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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of COIT et al.

Serial No.: 09/721,479

Examiner: STACY CHEN

Confirmation No.: 2173

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: November 22, 2000

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For: NOVEL HCV NON-STRUCTURAL POLYPEPTIDE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2004.

- Applicants request an extension of time for 3 months from January 21, 2004 to April 21, 2004. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$950 fee.
- An additional fee is required as calculated below.
- A Notice of Appeal is attached.
- Also enclosed: Return Postcard.

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| No. of Claims After Amendment | | Most Claims Previously Paid | | | Extra Claims | | | Additional Fee | |
|---|----|-----------------------------|----|---|--------------|---|------|----------------|-----|
| A. Total Claims | 26 | - | 42 | = | 0 | x | \$18 | = | \$0 |
| B. Ind. Claims | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$86 | = | \$0 |
| C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 280 | | | | | \$290 | | | = | \$0 |
| D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C) | | | | | | | | = | \$0 |
| E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D) | | | | | | | | = | \$0 |
| F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E) | | | | | | | | = | \$0 |

[X] A check for \$1280 to cover the \$950 Extension fee and \$330 Notice of Appeal fee is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

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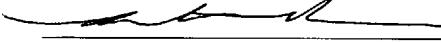
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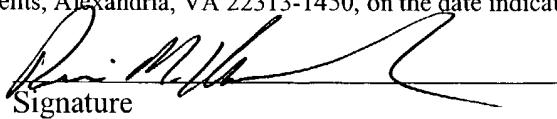

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a petition to extend time for three months is attached. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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